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## Medal of Valor Honors 108 Staff



On May 19, 108 CDCR staff were honored during the 22nd Medal of Valor ceremony. Pictured are Gold Star and Medal of Valor recipients.

## CDCR Staff Honored in 22nd Medal of Valor Ceremony

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On May 19, more than 800 friends, family members and co-workers gathered on the West Steps of the State Capitol to honor 108 recipients at the 2006 CDCR Medal of Valor ceremony.

While this was the 22<sup>nd</sup> such ceremony for employees of the adult division of CDCR, this was the first joint ceremony honoring recipients from both the juvenile and adult divisions of the CDCR for valor during calendar year 2005.

The recipient of the highest honor – the Medal of Valor – was awarded to Parole Agent I **Darrell Littleton**, Region IV Parole, in the Division of Adult Parole. Parole Agent I Darrell Littleton was honored for his selfless act of bravery in the face of life-threatening peril as detailed in the following narrative.

### Medal of Valor

The Medal of Valor is the Department's highest award, earned by employees distinguishing themselves by conspicuous bravery or heroism above and beyond the nor-

### TECHNOLOGY & PREVENTION

#### Gov. Schwarzenegger Orders Task Force to Focus on Policies for Tracking Paroled Sex Offenders

**Governor Schwarzenegger** recently established a high level task force to make immediate recommendations on improving the state's program to track and monitor paroled sex offenders in the state.

In an executive order, the Governor directed the Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to create the High Risk Sex Offender Task Force that will

#### CDCR Secretary Calls for Statewide Audit of Sex Offender Placement Using GPS Technology

On May 13, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) acting Secretary **James Tilton** called for a statewide audit using Global Positioning Satellite Technology to ensure all High Risk Sex Offender parolees are appropriately and safely placed throughout the state of California and in full compliance with AB 113.

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# CDCR Parole Agents Deputized as US Marshals

The United States Marshals Service (USMS) and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) announced the formalization of a long-standing informal partnership that both agencies agree will be mutually beneficial to their missions and result in an increased level of public safety for Californians.

At a ceremony in Sacramento on May 17, **Antonio C. Amador**, United States Marshal for the Eastern District of California, swore in more than 50 parole agents assigned to fugitive apprehension teams located around the state as Special Deputy United States Marshals. Marshal Amador was joined in the ceremony by Marshals **Federico Rocha**, **Steven C. Stafford** and **Adam N. Torres**, the United States Marshals for the Northern, Southern and Central Districts of California, as well as Acting CDCR Secretary **James E. Tilton** and As-



*Eastern District U.S. Marshal Antonio C. Amador swears CDCR agents in for federal duty.*

sistant Secretary for the Office of Correctional Safety **Rick Rimmer**.

The CDCR and the USMS have worked together for many years to locate and apprehend parole violators and other fugitives who were of mutual interest to both agencies. In fact,

last year, the two agencies working together cleared up 1,078 parolee-at-large cases and so far in the first four months of 2006, have cleared up 487 parolee at large cases. Many of these individuals were also wanted by other federal, state or local law enforcement agencies.

## Department sets new Recruitment Goals

The CDCR has set an ambitious goal for itself: hire 3,800 new entry-level peace officers for its adult and juvenile facilities next fiscal year (July 2006 - June 2007).

In response, the Peace Officer Recruitment Unit has kicked off a new statewide recruitment effort: placing advertisements in major daily newspapers across California, increasing its presence on online job boards (such as CareerBuilder.com and Yahoo Hotjobs.com), and securing funding to reimburse Institution Recruitment Teams for attending community job fairs.

In the meantime, you can do your part. Tell people CDCR is hiring officers. Hand them an application or

direct them to the CDCR web site for more information.

### **Teacher Recruitment Workshop a Success**

On March 18, the CDCR conducted the first Juvenile Justice Teacher workshop at Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility in Chino. A second workshop was conducted on March 25, for the Juvenile Justice Facilities in Stockton. Both workshops resulted in more than 180 attendees that could potentially result in filling all current vacancies at these facilities and surrounding areas.

The Office Of Workforce Planning & Selection would like to extend a huge "thank you" to **Glenda**

**Pressley**, Deputy Director, Superintendent of Education and her staff who stepped up and helped in every way possible to make the workshops a success. The presentations they provided 'sold' the candidates on joining the team!

### **Submissions**

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**[CDCRnews@cdcr.ca.gov](mailto:CDCRnews@cdcr.ca.gov)**



# Ishi Fire Crew Preparedness Exercise a Success

In early May, the CDCR and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) conducted their 2006 Fire Crew Preparedness Exercise that tested 47 Northern California fire crews for their physical preparedness and knowledge to fight fires. This is an annual event that sometimes kicks off the California fire season.

Each crew was put through a number of exercises starting with a tool-up that involves them exiting their crew vehicle and gathering their tools in an organized and safe way. Then they had to demonstrate their individual tools (chain saws, McClouds and Polaskis) were sharp and in good shape. CDF proctors then



*Crews are given specific directions before embarking on a series of timed and graded tasks.*

quizzed them on their knowledge of their tools, fire safety and escape routes.

At the next station the crews had to deploy their fire shelters. After that they had to complete a four mile hike in some 75 minutes over steep terrain that included forging a stream.

After finishing their hike they were given 10 minutes to rest. At that point they had to cut a hand-line 100 yards long in less than 45 minutes.

By noon, with all tasks completed the crews sat down to lunch and reviewed the morning activities.

*(Pictures and text by George Nyberg, Office of Public and Employee Communications).*



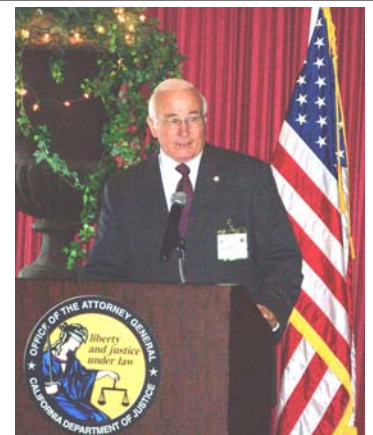
*Inmate and juvenile offenders crews are prepared to carry what they need.*

## Retired CSP-Solano Warden Honored by State Attorney General

On April 4, California Attorney General **Bill Lockyer** presented the Attorney General Award of Honor in recognition of service to statewide Law Enforcement personnel. Included in that ceremony was a commendation to recently retired California State Prison, Solano Warden **Tom L. Carey** for his overall career of public service.

Warden Carey began his 24-year career in public service on Dec. 2, 1981, with the Department of Mental Health at Patton State Hospital in Southern California, as a Supervising Senior Accounting Officer.

Carey was appointed Warden at CSP-Solano in July 2001. Carey remained the Warden of CSP-Solano until his retirement on March 30.



*Warden Tom Carey*



## Centinela State Prison hosts Take Your Child to Work Day

On April 27, Centinela State Prison hosted more than 70 employees' children in recognition of National "Take Your Child to Work Day."

After a breakfast reception, the children were taken on a tour of the institution perimeter with stops at the range, firehouse and Minimum Support Facility program support building. The kids donned firefighter equipment and crawled through a simulated smoke filled room staged especially for them by firehouse staff and inmates.

The inmates staged equipment



Children step into their parents' workday at Centinela State Prison.

## 400 Attend CDCR Health and Wellness Fair



The atrium at CDCR Headquarters was the site of the annual CDCR Wellness Fair on May 18. Some 400 employees visited the 15 different booths offering health and nutritional advice.

demonstrations and despite inclement weather, the children took turns with the firehouse. The range staff provided training on the safe handling of weapons, and explained the types of weaponry and equipment utilized by correctional staff.

The kids also toured the Minimum Support Facility din-

ing hall, medical clinic, canteen, and work change area. The California Crime Victims Coalition provided parents with a Child Safe Identification Kit which included a computer disk with their child's fingerprints, photographs and other identifying information. The kids ate a pizza lunch while the medical, receiving and release, in-service training and investigations departments held interactive presentations. Warden Giurbino provided certificates to each participant at the end of the work day.

## R J Donovan; DJJ South Coast Parole Participate in Bring Your Kids To Work Day

On April 27, the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility employees, along with their children, participated in the Bring Your Child to Work Day. Participants took part in several fantastic educational activities. Everyone met in the Minimum Support Facility Visiting Room where they were welcomed by Warden **Robert J. Hernandez.**

The Investigative Services Unit, Gang Unit, officers met with the employees and children to discuss gangs and drugs. The parents were amazed by the amount of gang influence in their children's music, school, and clothing. The children were mesmerized by the gang

On April 12, DJJ Parole Southcoast Parole Held their First Annual "Bring Your Kids to Work Day". Eight of nine staff and their respective 12 children participated. The day began with introductions and a brief and basic explanation by each staff member, of what their job entails.

Following, was an office tour where each child got to see their personal artpieces on display in their parent's office. Southcoast also has a secret door which we have titled: "World's Cutest Kids" where each child found one or more pictures of themselves on display. The children had a special guest: Officer Reynoso of

# California's One-Year Recidivism Rate for Parolees Lowest since 1979

## The past four years show a five percent drop in the two-year recidivism rate

The recidivism rate for offenders who were released to parole in 2003 was 38.15 percent, the lowest since 1979 when the rate was 33.2 percent, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) officials announced.

CDCR research also shows that the one-year recidivism rate has been declining since 1997 when it was 44.9 percent. The highest one-year recidivism rate was in 1988 at 53.8 percent.

"While it is still early, this kind of information shows we are heading in the right direction, and the thing to remember is every drop in the recidivism rate means fewer victims in our neighborhoods," said Acting CDCR Secretary **Jim Tilton**.

"The data are promising and underscore the need to continue providing meaningful, effective and evidence-based programs to offenders in order to help them become productive citizens when they return to our communities," he said.

In addition to the one-year trend, for the past four years, there has been a decline in the two-year recidivism rate. Of the inmates who paroled in 2003, only 51.09 percent were back in custody after two years on parole. The last time the two-year recidi-

vism rate was that low was in 1991 at 49.9 percent. Over the last four years, the rate has dropped approximately one percentage point each year from 56.1 percent in 1999 to 51.08 percent in 2003.

Although it is too early to say exactly why the recidivism rates are declining, Tilton said that true public safety includes both the principles of strong policing coupled with evidence-based programs designed to improve parolee outcomes.

"Maintaining and strengthening our relationships with our law enforcement partners as well as providing evidence-based education and rehabilitation programs to offenders to keep them from victimizing others is good public safety," Tilton said.

## DJJ PA III Shumsky Retires



Recently, Sharon Shumsky, Parole Agent III for the Division of Juvenile Justice, was honored for 32 years of service following her recent retirement. Joseph R. Montes (I) acting Director of the Division of Juvenile Parole Operations, congratulates PAIII Shumsky at a party in her honor.

CDCR researchers calculate recidivism rates by tracking inmates paroled in a calendar year and calculating the ratio of those who have been returned to custody, including felons returned to a substance abuse control unit in a correctional facility, returned on a parole revocation hearing, returned to custody for a parole violation, and returned to prison by a court on a new felony conviction.

To see the just released recidivism rates from 2003, visit

<http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/ReportsResearch/OffenderInfoServices/Annual/RECID2/RECID2d2003.pdf>

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## We Are Hiring!

In April, the CDCR launched a reinvigorated recruitment effort with one clear message: "we're hiring officers."

Please contact the Peace Officer Recruitment Unit at (916) 227-7350 or your IRT coordinators if you know of an event recruiters should be attending.



## GOV *(From page one)*

report back in 90 days with recommendations to improve policies addressing notification, placement, monitoring, and enforcement of paroled sex offenders released from prison. The Task Force will be co-chaired by Assemblymembers **Todd Spitzer** (R-Orange) and **Rudy Bermudez** (D-Norwalk) and will include representatives from local law enforcement, local government, victims' rights organizations, and the CDCR.

"I have a zero-tolerance policy to inappropriate placement of sex offenders," Governor Schwarzenegger said. "We will do everything possible to protect our children and families. We must work closely with local law enforcement and government officials to ensure strict enforcement of policies and procedures that protect our communities from paroled sex offenders."

The High Risk Sex Offender Task Force will review current statutory

and departmental policies and recommend comprehensive and consistent guidelines for the placement and supervision of offenders.

The task force will submit its recommendations to the CDCR, Governor and Legislature within 90 days. Specifically these recommendations will address: (1) the notification to local law enforcement and officials prior to an offender's release from a state prison; (2) the placement planning for high risk sex offenders that is compliant with state law, and consistent with public safety; (3) ways to monitor and supervise high risk sex offenders; and (4) the enforcement of all parole requirements and special conditions of parole.

Governor Schwarzenegger has been a strong proponent for creating strict laws that protect children and families from sexual offenders. Last year, he sponsored Jessica's Law legislation that would have given California the toughest laws in the nation

against sexual predators. Also last year, the Governor signed Assembly Bill 113, which limits the placement of certain high risk sex offenders within a half mile of schools. Assembly Bill 113 went into effect on January 1, 2006.

He also signed legislation in 2004 to put the Megan's Law database on the Internet, which requires the information of certain sex offenders' conviction, physical description, and home address to be listed and available to the general public.

The Governor's budget requests \$8 million for Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement Task Forces (SAFE Teams) designed to reduce violent sexual offenses through proactive surveillance and arrest of habitual sex offenders.

The CDCR is required by law to return offenders to their county of last legal residence, with certain exceptions, including court-ordered limitations based on victims' requests.

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## AUDIT *(From page one)*

"When it comes to the placement of high risk sex offenders we cannot and will not compromise," said Tilton. "Public safety is our single most important duty and concern and for that reason I have directed the staff of the Division of Adult Parole Operations to use Global Positioning Satellite technology to measure the distance of High Risk Sex Offender placement to ensure the placement complies with state law."

Reiterating the Governor's commitment to public safety and his zero tolerance for anything that unnecessarily endangers public safety, Tilton said he has already directed the Department to purchase the latest technology to accurately measure where High Risk Sex Offenders are placed in state communities.

"I want to make sure that there are no paroled sex offenders living in places where they should not be living," said Tilton. "In the past we used the old way of verifying placement, driving the streets and measuring the distance from a parolee's home to a schools or park. Today that isn't good enough. We will use whatever technology we can to make sure we are in compliance with all state-laws and guidelines."

The Department has begun purchasing 100 new GPS hand held units and will begin training staff immediately to ensure proper placement for sex offenders. "We must begin this audit immediately to reassure our communities that sex offenders are being placed and supervised according to law," Tilton said.

Secretary Tilton also began reaching out to local law enforcement and local elected officials. Building on existing relationships and ensuring good communications while establishing positive working relationships with local law enforcement and community leaders is the only way we can guarantee public safety remains our top priority, he said.

To ensure better communication and coordination, Tilton has established a Departmental liaison with local officials to develop a comprehensive plan to increase communication with local law enforcement, district attorneys and local elected officials.

"We need to establish the critical relationships necessary to embark on

*(Please see Audit, Page 7)*

# CDCR Teams Up with Antelope Valley On GPS Sex Offender Pilot

On May 12 the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) announced a groundbreaking partnership with the community of Antelope Valley and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to implement a statewide Global Positioning System program to track the movements of high-risk sex offenders.

Antelope Valley is the first region in Los Angeles County to receive this innovative technology.

"The most important mission of CDCR is to promote and enhance public safety. We are proud that by means of this GPS program, our Adult Parole Division is in the forefront of public safety enhancement," said **Jim Tilton**, acting secretary of CDCR.

"Using GPS on high-risk sex offenders is a critical part of the agreement we made with CDCR to make our community safer. This innovative technology will assist our local law enforcement agencies in making the Antelope Valley safer from predators," said **Assemblywoman Sharon Runner** (R-Antelope Valley).

As of May 12, multiple law enforcement agencies serving the Antelope Valley region will be able to access CDCR data and also share its data with CDCR parole agents.

"By the end of this month, more than 40 high-risk sex offenders in the Antelope Valley region will be issued the GPS electronic bracelets that will make it easier for law enforcement officers and parole agents to track their whereabouts and determine their location at the time of a crime," Tilton said.

"With the GPS program, our Adult Parole Division is in the fore-



*Assemblywoman Sharon Runner announces the GPS partnership in Antelope Valley.*

front of public safety and can provide the assistance so necessary to local law enforcement," Tilton added.

"As more and more GPS partnerships roll out throughout California, it means that it will be that much harder for criminals to prey on the innocent," said **Senator George Runner** (R-Antelope Valley).

"GPS technology is proving to be an effective evidence-based law enforcement tool in assisting parole agents and law enforcement officers in their mission to increase public safety, and monitor the movement of sex offenders, said **Marty O'Neal**, Region III Parole Administrator.

GPS uses satellite technology to track each parolee's position and movement around the clock and every day of his parole term. In this application, it is coupled with an automated link from local law enforcement agencies that will either place a monitored offender at the scene of the crime or eliminate that offender from the scene of the crime.

To date more than 417 GPS monitors statewide have been outfit-

ted on sex offenders, and 17 GPS devices on known gang members. Of that number some 45 monitored sex offenders and 9 gang members have been arrested for violating the terms of their parole – through evidence gathered via the GPS tracking.

Some 95 sex offenders statewide have been taken into custody for parole violation charges. Of that number, specifically 45 parolees were charged with parole violations specifically having to do with a special condition of parole related to their sexual offense.

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a collaborative reentry process for all parolees, including those convicted of sexual offenses," said Tilton. "This liaison office will make sure a critical line of communication is working properly and effectively."

"My expectation is that each and every current and future parolee placement is in total compliance with the law," Tilton said. "Anything less will not be tolerated."





CHP Officer Reynoso poses with the children who came to work with their parents.

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the California Highway Patrol. Officer Reynoso provided the kids some great safety tips, and answered questions. The kids then got the opportunity to sit in the patrol vehicle. Officer Reynoso was kind enough to pose for a picture, and his grand finale was a sounding of his police siren which the children loved.

The kids and parents had pizza and then made a keepsake for the day: painted and decorated picture frames with a picture of them posing with officer Reynoso!

The day was a huge success, so much so that many kids have already asked their parents if they can just come to work with them instead of going to school!!

## RJD...(From page four)

paraphernalia displayed.

Following the Gang Unit presentation, participants were met by a CDCR transportation bus. Participants boarded the bus and were given an overview of how inmates are transported from one institution to another. Participants were then transported to the firehouse where an obstacle course, fire engines with operating firehouse, and burn barrel awaited their arrival.

Participants ran the obstacle course, expelled water from the fire engine attempting to knock over a cone on top of a plastic 35 gallon trash can, and had the opportunity to put out a controlled fire in a burn barrel utilizing a fire extinguisher. While participants took part in these activities a CDF/SDSO helicopter arrived

and the pilots provided information to the participants regarding fighting wildfires, gathering and dropping water on fires, and human rescue situations.

Finally, the group went off to the range where members of the Crisis Response Team (CRT) spoke and displayed several use of force options. The

children were allowed to utilize the baton skills they learned on one of our CRT members.



Staff at R J Donovan Correctional Facility show the children how fire hoses are used in a public safety setting.

## Heman Stark Wards Adopt East Indian Children in Fellowship Program

The Heman G Stark Youth Correctional Facility wards attending bible classes at the New Antioch Protestant Chapel have donated nearly \$700 from their own funds over a two-month period to help four chil-

dren in India receive food, clothing, education (through 12th grade), and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This is an ongoing monthly contribution program that the Protestant Discipleship class students engage in

of their own free will. The first time a ward participates he receives a certificate of appreciation from the Chaplain in the "Gospel for Asia" program.



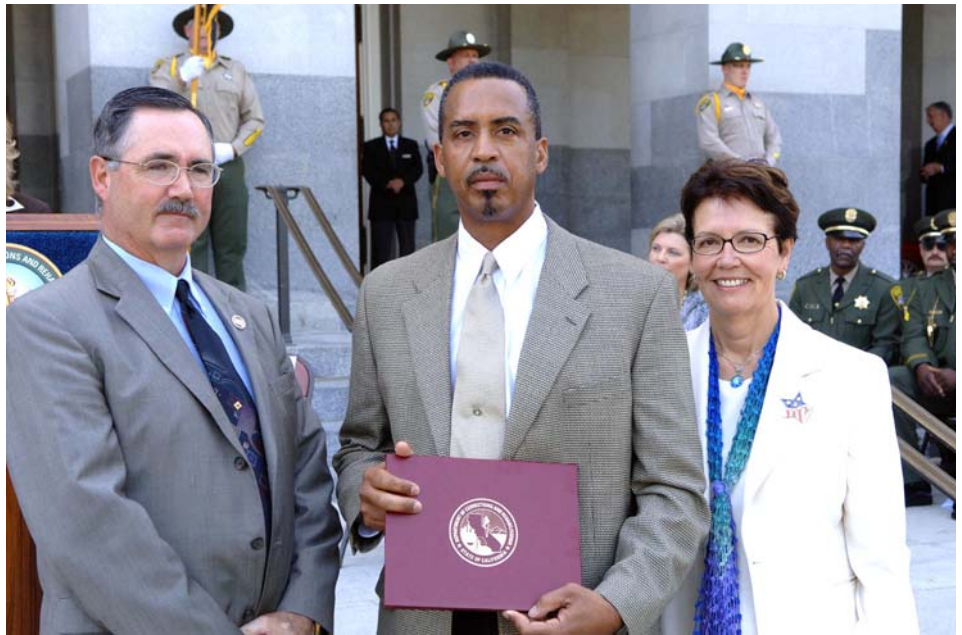
## MOV...*(From page one)*

mal demands of correctional service. The employee shall display great courage in the face of immediate life-threatening peril and with full knowledge of the risk involved. The act should show professional judgment and not jeopardize operations or the lives of others.

In late February 2005, Agent Littleton was on duty driving in the city of Vista. He saw a pickup truck ahead lose control and slide off the road into a raging water-filled ravine. The truck was on its side and the woman driver was unable to get out.

The truck was already half-filled with icy water, and she was pinned to the driver's side door. Water was quickly overtaking the cab.

With little thought of his own safety, Agent Littleton waded into the water. He climbed up on the side of the truck and lifted her out through the passenger door. Another indi-



*CDCR Secretary James Tilton (l), stands with Medal of Valor Recipient PA I Darrell Littleton (c) and CDCR Undersecretary Jeanne S. Woodford (r).*

vidual had also stopped and held the door open while Agent Littleton waded in to the rescue.

A nearby Oceanside Police captain arrived later on the scene to find the woman safe—and Agent Littleton soaking wet and covered in mud!

The following is a list of the recipients within each category! Congratulations, 2006 Medal of Valor recipients!

### Gold Star

The Corrections Star (Gold) medal is the Department's second-highest award for heroic deeds under extraordinary circumstances. The employee shall display courage in the face of immediate peril in acting to save the life of another person.

- Correctional Officer Jeffrey Allen Harris, California State Prison-Solano
- Correctional Sergeant Scott Richards, Ironwood State Prison
- Correctional Officers Jesus

Caropreso, Lamont Goodlett, and Joe Totten; Medical Technical Assistant Elvie Pulido; Licensed Vocational Nurse Sylvia Serrato, Salinas Valley State Prison

- Correctional Officer Edward W. Welch, Jr., Wasco State Prison
- Charles L. Pattillo, Prison Industry Authority

### Silver Star

The Corrections Star (Silver) is the Department's third highest award for acts of bravery under extraordinary or unusual circumstances. The employee shall display courage in the face of potential peril while saving or attempting to save the life of another person or distinguish him or herself by performing in stressful situations with exceptional tactics of judgment.

- Correctional Officers Lisa Carter, Alton Little, and Prentice Woodard, California Correctional Institution



*Staff who passed away during 2005 are remembered during a moment of silence punctuated by the mournful wail of a bagpipe playing "Amazing Grace".*

## MOV...*(From page nine)*

- Correctional Officers Erik Duncan, David Roberts, and Jose Uribe, California Correctional Institution
- Correctional Sergeant John Misko; Correctional Officer Francisco Mascarenas, California State Prison, Corcoran
- Correctional Sergeant Steve Hinshaw; Correctional Officers Jesus Lozano, Robert Mobert, Jack Sarafian, California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and State Prison, Corcoran
- Correctional Officer Enrique Iniguez, Deuel Vocational Institution
- Correctional Officer Beau Baker, High Desert State Prison
- Youth Correctional Counselor Sergio Sandoval, Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility
- Youth Correctional Counselor Arthur Flores, Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility
- Parole Agent I Guillermo Ontiveros, East Los Angeles, Division of Juvenile Justice Parole
- Parole Agent I John Houston, Region IV, Division of Adult Parole
- Parole Agent III Arthur J.

Ramirez, Region IV, Division of Adult Parole

- Correctional Sergeant Marcia Jones-Caldwell; Correctional Officers Donald Anderson and Deborah Castaneda, Southern Transportation Hub



*The posting of colors started the MOV ceremony.*

- Youth Correctional Counselors Salvador Arrellano, Michael Friscia, Chris J. Garcia, and Jason McDaniel, N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility

## Bronze Star

The Corrections Star (Bronze) medal is the Department's award for saving a life without putting oneself in peril. The employee shall have used proper training and tactics in a professional manner to save, or clearly contribute to saving, the life of another person.

- Correctional Lieutenant Patrick Matzen; Correctional Officers Romiro Cortez and Debbie Martinez, California Correctional Institution
- Correctional Officer Brian Taylor and Supervising Cook Joel Mayorga, California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and State Prison, Corcoran
- Correctional Officer Lem Wilhoit, California State Prison, Corcoran
- Correctional Lieutenants Richard Overman and Daniel Rettagliata, Chuckawalla Valley State Prison
- Correctional Counselor David Lee Wade, Correctional Training Facility
- Office Assistant Rosann Williams, North Kern State Prison
- Office Services Supervisor I Terri Skerik, Pelican Bay State Prison
- Materials & Stores Supervisor I Rafael Domingo, Jr., Salinas Valley State Prison
- Correctional Officer Isaac Bour-



bon, Sierra Conservation Center

- Parole Agent I David Ayala, Region IV, Division of Adult Parole

## Distinguished Service

The Distinguished Service Medal is for an employee's exemplary work conduct with the Department for a period of months or years, or involvement in a specific assignment of benefit to the Department.

Correctional Lieutenants Larry Aaron, California Institution for Women; Barry Bolton, North Kern State Prison; Vernell Crittendon, San Quentin State Prison; Sabrina Johnson, Corcoran State Prison; Kevin Kostecky, Central California Women's Facility; Ken Lewis, California State Prison-Los Angeles County; Brian Parriott, Wasco State Prison; Steve Perez, Pelican Bay State Prison; Fred Schroeder, California State Prison-Sacramento; Kim Seibel,

Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility; Tim Shirlock, California Institution for Men; Shelly Thompson, California Men's Colony; and Correctional Sergeant Eric Messick, San Quentin State Prison

Parole Administrator Michael Castro; Parole Agent III James Stager; Office Technician Dianna M. Musarra; Parole Agent IIs Doug G. Hemerson, Patrick Minniss, and Curtis R. Smith; Parole Agent Is Jon L. Ashley, James Bellmeyer, Jason Bradshaw, Jesse Embry, David Fernandez, Marylan Fletcher, Lucio Guzman, Derek Hamaguchi, Fred James, David Pittman, Carl Richardson, and Robert L. Wheeler

## Unit Citation

The Unit Citation is for great courage displayed by a Departmental unit in the course of conducting an operation in the face of immediate life-threatening circumstances.

Correctional Lieutenant Kent Ashby; Correctional Officers Dean Kruse, Rick Newby, Randall Parent, Mia Reyes, Felix Rivera, and Xavian Sherwood; Medical Technical Assistant Anna Bell, California Correctional Institution

Correctional Officers Michael Lindsey and Michael White, High Desert State Prison

Correctional Sergeants Linda Moore-Halladay and Mike Leguillo;

Correctional Officers Todd Vasquez, James Turner Jr., Pete Hernandez, Paul Thomas, and Keetha Murphy, Ironwood State Prison

Correctional Officers Cecil Arispe, Marla Labans, William Lyons, Mellissa Pickenpaugh, Michael Tackett and Sheila Whitford; Registered Nurse Jim Phillips, Pelican Bay State Prison

## Correctional Officer of the Year

- Correctional Officer Edward W. Welch, Jr., Wasco State Prison

## Correctional Supervisor of the Year

- Correctional Lieutenant Daniel P. Rettagliata, Chuckawalla Valley State Prison.



*The ceremony ended with the retiring of the colors until next year's MOV ceremony.*